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**TITLE:** Preventing HIV, Pregnancy and Violence in African-American and Latino Teens Using A Simultaneous Cross-Cutting Approach

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**ISSUE:** Many contributing factors for the disproportionate incidence and impact of HIV/AIDS among African-American and Latino teenagers also contribute to the disproportionate incidence and impact of pregnancy and violence in these same groups. Yet, use of structured, simultaneous cross-cutting strategies and approaches for preventing all three problems, while highly desirable and cost-effective, has not received priority attention.

**SETTING:** Predominantly African-American and Latino urban communities, which are disproportionately affected by HIV, pregnancy (and births) and violence among their teenagers.

**PROJECT:** Through an analysis of findings and recommendations from participants in 13 Regional Conferences of a two-day national videoconference entitled, "Safe Passage for African-American and Latino Teenagers: A Focus on Preventing Pregnancy, HIV/AIDS and Violence", 24 contributing factors and 18 strategies and approaches for action were universally identified. An electronic audience of 1,750 from more than 850 organizations in 18 cities, including 16 Regional Conference sites, participated in the conference.

**RESULTS:** Using the striking findings and high level of momentum for change that the conference generated, plus extensive prior behavioral research and intervention experience related to HIV prevention in minority teens and their communities, a "Safe Passage" bicultural, 'leadership' coalition campaign and community intervention model has been produced. Activities based on this model are in various stages of development in six (6) cities and discussions for development are under way in several others. The basic principles of the "Safe Passage Blueprint For Action" will be reviewed as well as representative developmental activities in progress.

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